

*Approved by Christopher 29/2/21*

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you an outstanding candidate for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa): The Honourable

This award is being bestowed on Mr Pyne in recognition of his career contribution to the state and the nation in advancing defence, industry and educational opportunities, through his role as a Cabinet Minister of Federal Government and Member in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Christopher Pyne demonstrated an early enthusiasm for politics, which was cultivated during his time as a Law student at the University of Adelaide. He was President of the Adelaide Universities

The Naval Shipbuilding Plan, announced in 2017 by Mr Pyne and former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, is the largest naval shipbuilding and sustainment program ever undertaken in Australia.

It is widely acknowledged by defence industry leaders that the Shipbuilding Plan will provide long-term certainty for the industry, fuelling innovation and growth for small to medium enterprises. Delivering employment opportunities in a wide range of roles for more than 5000 shipbuilding workers in the next few years, those numbers are expected to double across the supply chains that support the sector.

An advocate for science technology and education, Mr Pyne also developed the National Innovation and Science Agenda, which delivered more than a billion dollars to underpin research and industry collaboration, skills development, and support for innovative start-ups.

He reformed the national curriculum and expanded phonics teaching in remote schools in northern Australia.

Mr Pyne was also responsible for creating the youth mental health (i)10f t Are t than